



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
City Hall Room 280 - A
455 North Rexford Dr.
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

SYNOPSIS

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, June 1, 2015
2:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Rosoff, Anderson, Gersh, Bilak, Friedman
Commissioners Absent: None
Staff Present: Zoet, Hunt-Coffey, Meyerowitz, Pfalzgraf, Acuna, Knebel

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Tab 1. Regular Meeting of April 28, 2015

MOVED by Rosoff, SECONDED by Anderson, to approve with correction. (5/0)

AYES: Rosoff, Anderson, Gersh, Bilak, Friedman
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
CARRIED

ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

NEW BUSINESS/STAFF REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Tab 2. Friends of Greystone Proposal to Convert the Library into a Museum

Friends of Greystone Board Members Susan Rosen and Arline Pepp and Reggie Sully (from McCoy Construction) presented diagrams and photographs of proposed library restoration options and items to be contained within the proposed Museum and discussed the historical interest and importance of the project.

MOVED by Rosoff, Seconded by FRIEDMAN, that the Recreation and Parks Commission recommends and supports the second proposal plan submitted by the Friends of Greystone for the restoration of the Greystone Library subject to adequate and appropriate financing being obtained and further understanding of what memorabilia items will be provided in the cabinets in the proposed museum. Security concerns will be discussed at a later date. (5/0)

AYES: Rosoff, Anderson, Gersh, Bilak, Friedman
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
CARRIED

Tab 3. Recognition of Friends of Greystone Student Representatives

Beverly Hills High School Student volunteers Richa Vijayvergiya and Yael Atiya were presented with Certificates of Appreciation for their contributions to the Friends of Greystone and the City during this past school year.

Tab 4. Peck Drive Street Tree Master Plan

Parks and Urban Forest Manager Ken Pfalzgraf reviewed the public process for replacing the street trees on Peck Drive. The residents presented petitions signed by 72% of the addresses on the street with one or more tree sites (78 of 107 addresses).

Speaker

- Eric Schwartz

Motion by ROSOFF Seconded by GERSH, that the Recreation and Parks Commission accepts the petition to replace the Idaho Locust trees on Peck Drive with Drake Chinese Elms and that the Commission supports staff's intention to seek the City Council's approval of this project in an upcoming study session meeting. (5/0)

AYES: Rosoff, Anderson, Gersh, Bilak, Friedman
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
CARRIED

The item has been placed on the June 16, 2015 City Council Study Session Agenda.

Tab 5. Dog Park Discussion

Speakers

- Mark Elliott
- Susan Eisenberg
- Reggie Sully reading statement from Marcia Hobbs
- Ken Goldman
- Rose Norton
- Kathi Rothner
- Dr. Sharon Ignarro
- Dr. Lou Ignarro
- Cindy Norian

After discussion, the Commission provided feedback with regard to Mark Elliott's interest in an off-leash dog area at Roxbury Park. There was no official vote taken but Commissioner

comments indicated there was not majority support for bringing back the Roxbury Park Dog Park proposal. The Commission is in support of the Foothill/Alden location the City Council has previously approved and is awaiting further information on that location.

Tab 6. Personal Trainers in City Parks

Recreation Supervisor Patty Acuna commented on the Staff Report about personal trainers in City Parks. Staff concerns include liability and proper background checks of trainers (in the case of instructing youth.)

Speakers

- Hilary Kraft
- James Wood

Second speaker representing company FitSpot. They have developed a computer app and provide on-demand fitness training.

The Commission agreed that the rules of personal trainers in the park should be reviewed. The next steps will be a meeting with the Commission liaisons and staff to further discuss options and bring findings back to the entire Commission for further review.

Tab 7. Parks and Recreation Facilities Fund Update

Due to the unavailability of a Finance Administration staff person, this item was tabled to a later date.

Tab 8. Youth in Government 2015

Human Services Administrator James Latta reviewed the recent Youth in Government program that took place on May 6, 2015.

Tab 9. Capital Improvement Projects Update

The following items were included in the report from Community Services Director Steve Zoet: Gateway Signage Projects, Greystone Theatre Restoration, Coldwater Park Playground Restoration, La Cienega Park Mainline Irrigation Replacement and La Cienega Park and Community Center Public Assessment.

Tab 10. Director's Report

Community Services Staff updated the Commission on the following items: Introduction of Publicist Dana Beesen, Coldwater Canyon Donation, Kusama Fencing, Concours D'Elegance Report, Parkway Ficus Tree, Water Conservation, Event Calendar and Meeting Dates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS INCLUDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Tab 11. Ad Hoc Chairperson Reports

- a. City Council Liaison/Mayor's Cabinet (Friedman/Bilak) – No discussion.

- b. Beverly Canon Gardens (Friedman/Gersh) – No discussion.
- c. Farmers' Market (Bilak/Anderson) – No discussion.
- d. Fine Arts (Gersh/Rosoff) – No discussion.
- e. Gateway Signage Project (Anderson/Rosoff) – No discussion.
- f. Community Charitable Foundation (Bilak/Anderson) – No discussion.
- g. Greystone Park (Gersh/Rosoff) – Request was made to switch Commissioner on this Ad Hoc Committee.
- h. Master Plan for La Cienega and Roxbury Parks (Friedman/Bilak) – No discussion.
- i. Seniors/Volunteers (Friedman/Gersh) – No discussion.
- j. Special Events/Concert Series (Bilak/Gersh) – No discussion.
- k. Sports (Friedman/Bilak) – No discussion.
- l. Street Tree Master Plan (Friedman/Anderson) – No discussion.
- m. Teens (Bilak/Gersh) – No discussion.
- n. Beverly Gardens Restoration (Anderson/Rosoff) – No discussion.
- o. Off-Leash Dog Area (Friedman/Bilak) – No discussion.
- p. Joint Powers Agreement (Bilak/Rosoff) – No discussion.
- q. Public Works Department Liaison (Friedman/Rosoff)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.



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PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS
JUNE 11, 2015
1:30 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: June 11, 2015 / 1:37 pm

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Gordon, Shooshani, Corman, Vice Chair Block, Chair Fisher

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Ryan Gohlich, Michele McGrath, Cynthia de la Torre, Karen Myron, David Snow

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Speakers: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Motion by Order of the Chair to approve the agenda as presented (5-0).

Action: The agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes from the Planning Commission Special Meeting of May 28, 2015.

Motion: Motion by Vice Chair Block, Second by Commissioner Corman to approve the minutes as presented (4-0-1, Gordon abstain).

Action: The minutes were approved as presented.

PLANNING COMMISSION / BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS / PLANNING AGENCY PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. 603 North Canon Drive
Central R-1 Permit

A request for a Central R-1 permit to allow the construction of a 620 square foot, 22" tall addition to an existing accessory structure that is located within required side and rear yards on a property located in the Central Area of the City at 603 North Canon Drive. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act, the Planning Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption for the project.

Planner: Cynthia de la Torre, Assistant Planner
Applicant: Stephen M. Albert
Public Input: None

Motion: Motion by Vice Chair Block, Second by Commissioner Shooshani to adopt the resolution as amended (5-0).

Action: The resolution was adopted as amended.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair Fisher expressed concern that alleys are being blocked as a result of construction activity. Staff advised that this information would be communicated to the Inspection team to ensure that contractors are aware of applicable rules.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY PLANNER

- City Planner Ryan Gohlich provided updates on the following items:
 - Status of the project at 9900 Wilshire Boulevard
 - Recent planning efforts in the Southeast area of the City, including a Community Workshop Meeting, which will be held the evening of July 1, 2015
 - Status of the proposed dog park

6. Upcoming Projects List

Action: Received and filed.

7. 2015 Meeting Schedule

Action: Received and filed.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Date / Time: June 11, 2015 /2:50 pm



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City Hall Room Council Chambers
455 N. Rexford Drive
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SYNOPSIS
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
June 11, 2015
8:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

A. **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Felsenthal, Wolfe, Aronberg, Shalowitz and Pressman.
Commissioners Absent: None.

B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Felsenthal.

C. **COMMISSION MINUTES**

Consideration of Minutes of the Public Works Commission Regular Meeting of April 9, 2015, and Special Meeting of May 11, 2015. MOTION by Vice Chair Aronberg, SECONDED by Commissioner Pressman to approve. Absent objection by the Commission, Minutes are approved by order of the Chair.
CARRIED 5/0

D. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None.

E. **REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON**

Mayor's Cabinet Meeting

Chair Shalowitz attended the meeting of May 21, 2015; Minutes are available online.

Other Items of Interest

None.

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Water Enterprise Plan Update

Ms. Rhay provided an update. City Council approved the Water Enterprise Plan concept in May with funding approved for FY 15-16.

MOTION by Commissioner Felsenthal, **Seconded** by Commissioner Wolfe that the Commission urges City Council to formally adopt the Water Enterprise Plan in concept and funding; that subject to approval of specific phases of the project, authorize and allocate \$10 million in funding as a Capital Improvement Project with the understanding and authorization, subject to Council approval, that there be an additional two to three occurrences of \$20 million in bond funding as the project moves through phases.

Ayes: Aronberg, Felsenthal, Pressman, Shalowitz and Wolfe.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

CARRIED 5/0

2. Penalty Surcharge and Tiered Water Rate Structure Review

Ms. Rhay provided an update. The following were discussed: Conservation and Impacts; Conservation-Related Factors; Current Objectives; Penalty Surcharge Framework Update; Timeline; and Next Steps. Ms. Rhay stated Staff will present options on rate increases and a surcharge penalty recommendation at the June 30th Council Meeting. The next liaison meeting is Monday, June 15th at 4:00 p.m.

MOTION by Commissioner Wolfe, **Seconded** by Vice Chair Aronberg that the Commission recommends City Council consider a minimum 5% rate increase in the short term, implemented as soon as practicable, to cover anticipated revenue shortfalls resulting from conservation efforts and to analyze potential income sources with a bi-annual review of same to see if additional adjustments would be merited.

Ayes: Aronberg, Felsenthal, Pressman, Shalowitz and Wolfe.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

CARRIED 5/0

3. Water Growth Management Plan

- "Will Serve" Policy

Mr. Markman, Esq. provided an update. The question is at what cost does the City bring new water into its system. There are two possibilities: 1) Get an entitlement to private water for developers to pay for a portion of water in order to serve it and deciphering the reliability of that water, and 2) Figuring out the cost of developing more local water. This is a Staff, City Council and Commission decision.

MOTION by Commissioner Pressman, **Seconded** by Vice Chair Aronberg that the Commission recommends that City Council direct Staff to develop a structure for developer fees related to the cost of incremental water required for any new projects.

Ayes: Aronberg, Felsenthal, Pressman, Shalowitz and Wolfe.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

CARRIED 5/0

4. Zero Waste Strategic Plan

Ms. Rhay provided an update. HF&H is working on this Plan; time will be scheduled for HF&H to present to the Commission.

G. **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

1. Water Conservation Update

Ms. Tse provided an update; activities and ongoing projects were discussed. An Internal Conservation Taskforce is in place; general updates are provided in the Report. City Council approved the Supplemental MWD Rebate Program and the G3 Individual Landscaping Program, effective July 1, 2015.

2. Reports from Sub-Committees

Conservation & Education Sub-committee.

Mr. Chavez stated Public Works is working with Community Development and other Departments concerning conservation enforcement. Violation Letters are being sent and Inspectors are active in the field.

3. Outstanding Action Items List from Previous Meeting TABLED

4. Capital Improvement Program Projects Under Public Works Management

- Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation

Mr. Cuneo provided an update on the Water Treatment Plant. City Council approved the rehabilitation. An award package has been sent and work is slated to begin in July.

5. Discussion of Future Agenda Items and Areas of Priority TABLED

H. **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

None.

I. **COMMENTS FROM STAFF**

1. Climatec Update

Mr. Lynn provided an update. 3.5 Million has been budgeted toward Climatec activities. Sprinkler and water system updates will be the first task. Work in on schedule.

2. Annual Consumer Confidence Report (Water Quality)

Mr. Hillyer provided an update. Postcards were mailed to residents and W. Hollywood customers noticing that the Annual Consumer Confidence Report will be posted on the City's website; hard copies can be requested. There were no positive results and no nitrification found in any reservoirs.

Mr. Chavez stated the Writer's Block Group is hosting an event June 24th at 7:30 p.m. titled *Dripped Dry: Use Less Water and Still Be Ok*; the community is invited. He also noted that Daniel Cartagena will be retiring at the end of June.

J. **COMMENTS FROM METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT (MWD) DIRECTOR**

None.

K. **ACTION ITEMS**

- Commissioner Felsenthal would like to agendize use of landscape water and requiring two meters (for inside and outside use) on all new construction.
- Commissioner Felsenthal asked that Staff request \$10 Million in upfront funding for the WEP.
- Commissioner Felsenthal asked that the Commission be provided with the description and qualifications for the Water Operations Manager position.
- Commissioner Felsenthal asked that the discussion of going before W. Hollywood City Council to request a contribution of funds toward conservation efforts/costs, be held.
- Regarding the Commission's role and its provision of specific resolutions to move processes and projects forward, Commissioner Felsenthal raised the topic of metrics needing to exist to assist in moving projects along.
- Commissioner Wolfe would like to agendize the topic of the planning process and updating the Urban Water Master Plan in the next year.
- Chair Shalowitz requested a discussion of the six RFP's.

L. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Shalowitz, with the consent of the Commission, adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SYNOPSIS**

June 18, 2015
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
City Hall, 280-A
9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Saleh, Berman, Friedman, Popovich Levyn

Commissioners Absent: Blumenfeld

Staff Present: Latta, Anderson, Kyriazi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tab 1. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF May 21, 2015.

MOTION by Friedman, SECONDED by Saleh to approve as presented (4/0)

AYES: Saleh, Berman, Friedman, Popovich Levyn

NOES: None

ABSENT: Blumenfeld

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

Chair Blumenfeld arrived at 9:10 a.m.

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

Tab 2. COMMISSION REPORTS:

HRC REPRESENTATIVES

Noah Margo, from the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) provided an update to the Commission.

Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) Sergeant Kurt Haefs: Absent.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Human Services Administrator James R. Latta, L.C.S.W.

- Scott Crandall, Regional Vice President of Block by Block provided an updated on the start date and hiring process of the Ambassador Program.
- One Book One City event tabled.
- Concerts on Canon have begun every Thursday evening through August.
- The Special Olympics, being hosted by the City of Beverly Hills, is looking for volunteers.
- The Ambassador Program was approved at the June 8th City Council Meeting in addition to the city's budget.

Tab 3. 2015 EMBRACE CIVILITY AWARD:

Elizabeth Anderson, Human Services Specialist, provided an update on the Embrace Civility Award schedule.

The Beverly Hills TV promotional ad that Chair Blumenfeld filmed was viewed.

Tab 4. POSITIVE CHANGE NOT SPARE CHANGE:

- A location for the Ambassador Program has been identified in a city parking garage and is currently being set-up as their headquarters.
- Staff is reaching out to the community and provided a presentation to the Rodeo Drive Committee and the Beverly Hills' Chamber.
- Staff is working with the Community Services Publicist, Dana Beesen, on developing a multi-pronged awareness campaign about the program.

Tab 5. HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

Maya Paley, Director of Legislative and Community Engagement with the National Council of Jewish Women/LA provided an update to the Commission on Human Trafficking.

Tab 6. TENANT LANDLORD FORUM:

Staff reviewed the reformatted Special Notice and discussed options of distribution.

Tab 7. COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND:

- Staff updated the Commission on the status of all the agreements.
- Last year's process was discussed and reviewed for improvements.

Tab 8. OVERVIEW OF CURRENT AND PENDING AGENDA ITEMS:

Administrator Latta reviewed the current and pending agenda items.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS INCLUDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

Commissioner Friedman requested a timeline of the Landlord Tenant project.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

None

CALENDAR FOR 2015 – 2016 COMMISSION MEETING DATES:

ADJOURN

Chair Blumenfeld adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.